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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER

1. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA WAS RELAXED AND CHEERFUL YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH SUPPORTED HIS POLICIES. (VIENTIANE 9574) IN A CONVERSATION WITH ICC COMMISSIONER DHAMIJA, SOVIET CHARGE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND ME, SOUVANNA SHRUGGED OFF DHAMIJA'S RATHER LABORED COMPLIMENTS ON HIS STATESMANSHIP AND EMPHASIZED THAT PEACE IN INDOCHINA DEPENDED ENTIRELY AND EXPLICITLY ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF NVA FORCES FROM CAMBODIA, LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM. HE REPEATED THIS THEME MANY TIMES AND REMINISCED ABOUT HANOI'S FAILURE TO WITHDRAW FROM LAOS IN 1962 DESPITE ITS FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH HIM THAT IT WOULD DO SO. TURNING TO SOVIET CHARGE, SOUVANNA SAID: "I AM SAYING ALL THIS PURPOSELY IN FRONT OF YOU SO THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND MY POSITION AND DRAW THE PROPER CONCLUSION."
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SIONS ABOUT THIS PROBLEM."

2. COMMENT: SOVIETS ASSURED US LAST WEEK THAT IF SOVIET AIRLIFT OF LPF PERSONNEL WAS RESUMED AND ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR LPF DELEGATION TO JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT (JCIA) WERE PROVIDED, LPF WOULD AGREE TO BEGIN FORMAL MEETINGS OF JCIA. SOUVANNA'S POINTED REMARKS TO SOVIET CHARGE HOPEFULLY WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO SOVIET PRESSURE ON LPF TO MAKE JCIA OPERATIONAL.
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